


STEAM FOR
Singapore, Point de Galle, Aden,
Suez, Malta, Marseilles, and
Southampton;
ALSO,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.
THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
COLLIERIAN, Captain O'Connell, with
Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and
Cargo, will leave this for the above places,
FRIDAY, 24th July, at 9 A.M.
CARGO and PARCELS will be received
on board until Noon, and SPECIE until 4
P.M. on the 23rd July.
For particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s

CE, Hongkong.
 CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES
 ARE REQUIRED.
 A written declaration of the Contents and
 Value of the Packages for the Overland Route
 required by the Egyptian Government, and
 must be delivered by the Shippers to the Com-
 pany's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or
 Parcels; and the Company do not hold
 themselves responsible for any detention of

judice which may happen from incorrectness on such declaration.
Shippers are particularly requested to note terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
W. MACAULAY, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, July 15, 1868.



NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.
PAQUETOTS POSTE FRANCAIS

INDIA AND CHINA LINES, HONGKONG AGENCY.
STEAM FOR
HAIPHONG, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA,
MARSEILLES,
ALSO,
BOMBAY, PONDICHERY, MADRAS

N THURSDAY, the 23rd of July, at 2
P. M., The Company's Steam-ship
"GOOLLY," Commandant DE BOVIS, with
Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will
leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and
accepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Large will be received on board until 4
of the 21st Instant, Specie and
until 5 P.M. of the 22nd Instant.
Specie are not to be sent on board; they
must be left at the Agency's Office.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
U. BERTRAND, *Principal Agent*:
Hongkong, June 27, 1868. jul23

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH U. S. MAIL LINE TO NEW YORK.
TEAMERS of this line will be despatch-
ed as follows:—

<i>Great Republic,</i>	on or about Aug.	15.
<i>Japan,</i>	" "	Sept. 15.
<i>China,</i>	" "	Oct. 15.
<i>Great Republic,</i>	" "	Nov. 15.

Dec. 16~
Costa Rica will leave Shanghai on or
about same dates, connecting at Yokohama
with above-named steamers.
Passengers ticketed through to California,
Mexico, Central and South America, the
Atlantic States, and to England or France,
via New York and by lines from Pa-
nama and Aspinwall.
Return tickets issued at a reduction of

Directions are made at Panama with
an Lines upon the West Coast of Cen-
and South America, at Aspinwall with
"Royal West India Mail Line," "West
India and Pacific Steamship Company,"
United) and the "French Transatlantic
Company." And, at New York, with the
ious lines to Europe. Tickets issued

the following Steam-ship Lines: Cud-
inman, National, General Transat-
tic Co., New York and Havre Steam-
Co., Hamburg and American Packet
Co., New York and Bremen Steam-ship
Co. and North German Lloyd.

Favorable arrangements have been made
through passengers and freight to Amer-
ica, from Calcutta, Penang and Singapore,
from Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

through Bills of Lading given for Ports
Mexico and on the West Coast of Cen-
tral and South America to as far as Valpa-
raiso, to New York, Liverpool, Southampton
or St. Nazaire, France.
Freight to United States payable in ad-
vance in Mexican Dollars, or on delivery
of American Gold Coin with 8 per cent ad-
ditional, at shipper's option.
For further information, apply at this

Agency of the Company, Praya West.
GEO. F. BOWMAN, Agent.
Hongkong, July 15, 1869.

...of Loading to the Undersigned
...countersignature, and to take imme-
...e delivery of their Goods.
...argo impeding the discharge of the ves-
...will be landed and stored at Consignees'
...and expense.

BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, July 17, 1868, July 24

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.

Ex "Donnat," 7th January, 1868.
RT 531. 1 Case Paper.
NO 120/122. 3 Cases Sweetmeats.
C. BERTLAND, Principal Agent.
Hongkong, July 4, 1868.

P. M. S. S. Co.'s STR. "COLORADO" FROM YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo not called for within 24 hours after the arrival will be landed and stored at risk and expense of Consignees.
GEO. F. BOWMAN, Agent.
Hongkong, July 7, 1868.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.
WE have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BUDDE to sign our Firm with this date.
DREYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. FERDINAND NISSEN in our Firm ceased on the 30th April last.
The Business will in future be conducted under the Style and Firm of ROBERTSON & Co.

in which Mr. PETER GABAIN has been admitted a Partner.
NISSEN & ROBERTSON.
Ningpo, May 9, 1868. 19ag

NOTICE.
MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, February 15, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. BENJAMIN ROBERTSTANFORD was admitted a Partner in our Firm on 1st January, 1868.
J. McDONALD & Co., Shipwrights.
Hongkong, May 1, 1868. 1ag

NOTICE.
MR. HENRY LESTON DALRYMPLE is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration, at Foochow from this date.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, June 3, 1868.

NOTICE.
MY Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, etc. hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or Firm of J. S. HOOS, Sox & Co.
J. S. HOOS.
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant, under the style and Firm of GIFFORD PARKER & Co.
GIFFORD PARKER & Co.
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

NOTICE.
MR. FERDINAND NISSEN and Mr. HEINRICH HOPPE have been authorized to sign our Firm here and in China from this date.
NISSEN & Co.
Hongkong, May 12, 1868. 19ag

NOTICE.
THE Partnership between the Underigned, and Mr. AUGUST WITTMER, Mr. ROBERT GABRIEL DONALDSON MOFFAT, and Mr. FRANZ ROBERTSTANFORD, lately existing on Business in London and China under the Firm of TRAUTMANN & Co., has been dissolved from the 1st Instant by lapse of time.
J. F. H. TRAUTMANN.
Shanghai, June 16, 1868. July 22

NOTICE.
HE Underigned will continue to carry on the Business of their late Firm, at Shanghai and Tientsin, under the same Style of TRAUTMANN & Co.
J. F. H. TRAUTMANN.
R. C. D. MOFFAT.
Shanghai, June 16, 1868. July 22

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date, Captain J. C. SAUNDERS will undertake the Business of my Marine Surveying at this port.
J. C. SAUNDERS.
Foohow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by H. J. DING, Esq. at Foochow will be conducted by the Underigned.
J. C. SAUNDERS.
Foohow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself from this date as Shiphandler and General Storekeeper under the Firm and Style of L. FRICKEL & Co.
L. FRICKEL & Co.
at the Premises, lately occupied by Messrs. De Silva & Co., Queen's Road Central.
LEO FRICKEL.
Hongkong, July 1, 1868. Aug

NOTICE.
THE OFFICE of the Underigned has been removed to the late premises of the Agra Bank, Queen's Road Central.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, June 30, 1868.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster and General Commission Agent.
C. LANGDON DAVIES.
2 Club Chambers.
Hongkong, July 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. B. A. H. TOLLICE GLOZENKAMP, being from this date interested in our Firm, will sign the same per procuration.
LEYNVAAN BROTHERS & Co.
Hongkong, June 1, 1868. 19ag

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.
THE connection of the Underigned with the Firm of Messrs. T. H. Hux & Co. ceases from this date.
J. M. ARMSTRONG.
Hongkong, May 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.
GLOVER & Co.
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.
S. L. PHELPS, Agent.
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

DOCKS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
CAPITAL—\$750,000.
IN 1,500 SHARES, OF \$500 EACH.

THE COMPANY'S DOCKS at ABERDEEN and WHAMPOA are in full working order, and the attention of Shipowners is respectfully solicited to the advantages which these Establishments offer for the Docking and Repair of Vessels.
The following description of the Premises is submitted for the information of the Public.

ABERDEEN DOCK, DOCK No. 1.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 330 feet.
Breadth, 80 "

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 18' "
do. Neap Tides, 16' "

NEW DOCK, No. 2.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 400 feet.
Breadth, 80 "

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 24' "
do. Neap Tides, 21' "

This Dock is now under course of construction.

WHAMPOA DOCKS, DOCK A.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 550 feet.
Breadth, 80 "

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 16' 17' "
do. Neap Tides, 13' 15' "

This can be used either as one or two Docks.

DOCK B.
Built of GRANITE.
Length, 340 feet.
Breadth, 60 "

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 18' "
do. Neap Tides, 15' "

The above are the largest Docks in China and they are fitted with every appliance in the way of Cranes, powerful Steam Pumps, &c., to ensure safety and despatch in work.

DOCK C.
Built of Wood.
Length, 260 feet.
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 14' "

do. Neap Tides, 11' "

Fitted with Cranes and Steam Pumps.

DOCK D.
Length, 164 feet.
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 12' 6' "

do. Neap Tides, 9' 6' "

DOCK E.
Length, 120 feet.
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 11' "

do. Neap Tides, 8' "

D and E are Mud Docks available for small vessels, at very low rates.

WORKSHOPS.
The Workshops on the Premises, both at Aberdeen and Whampoa, possess every appliance necessary for the Repairs of Ships or Steam Machinery. The Engineer's Shops are supplied with Lathes, Planes, Screws, Cutting, Punching Machines, &c., &c.,—capable of executing work on the largest scale, and Blacksmith's Shop are equally well supplied with plant, and the work is entirely carried on under the Supervision of experienced Europeans.

Powerful Lifting Shears stand on a Jetty alongside where vessels can lie in 24 feet water and take in or out boilers, masts, &c.

ROILERMAKERS' DEPARTMENT.
The Company in addition to executing Repairs are prepared to tender for supplying new Boilers to Steamships for construction which they have great facilities.

FOUNDRY.
Iron and Brass Castings, either for Ships or general purposes, are executed with the utmost despatch.

STORES.
The Company's stores will (when required) supply at moderate rates all the necessities for Shipwork, such as Paint, Copper, Canvas, &c., &c.

STEAM TUGS.

NOTICE.
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
STEAM-TUG "FAIR" 110 H. P. NOMINAL.
With disconnecting Engine.

THIS Powerful Tug is available at any moment to Borth Vessels in Harbour, or Tow them to or from Sea.
For particulars, apply to the Captain on board, or to the Office of the Company, at Aguilar Street, Hongkong.
JOHN S. LAPRAIK, Secretary.

Hongkong, October 13, 1866.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

LIGHTERAGE AND STORAGE.
HE Underigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other Merchandises, in their own Boats, and to receive the same on STORAGE in First-class Granite godowns, on Moderate Terms.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1866.

TO LET.
THE OFFICE and GODOWN situated at the corner of Wellington and Aberdeen Streets, and at present in the occupation of Messrs. HEMPHREY & SARDEN.
For particulars, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, March 8, 1865.

TO LET.
A HOUSE in Spring Gardens, containing 4 Rooms and Out Houses; Rent, \$28 per month.
Apply at the Victoria Foundry.
Hongkong, March 12, 1868.

TO LET.
TWO New and Strong GODOWNS on Marine Lot No. 63.
Apply to GAVIN THOMPSON, at DEBBE, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867. 19

TO LET.
4 COMMODIOUS HOUSES, situated in Morrison Hill, commanding a thorough view of the Harbour, with Stables, &c.
Apply to THOMAS WALLACE, East Point Godown.
Hongkong, June 9, 1868.

NOTICE.
TO LET.
Road, lately in the occupation of the Asiatic Bank.
For particulars, apply to SMITH, ARCHER & Co.
Hongkong, May 18, 1868.

TWO HOUSES TO BE LET.
RECENTLY put in thorough Repair, situated on the RISE of THE HILL, Westward, and an easy distance from the Queen's Road. Apply to MR. BARRINGTON, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, May 18, 1868.

FIRST Rate ROOMS for Offices or Dwelling HOUSES for Families in the Queen's Road, No. 92, with new Verandah. The whole in a thorough state of repair.
Apply to Messrs. Wm. SCHMIDT & Co., Grounders.
Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

TO LET.
THE OFFICES situated in Queen's Road, formerly occupied by Messrs. LYALL STEEL & Co.
Apply to ALDINE, MATHESON & Co., East Point, June 15, 1868. 15ag

STORAGE FOR OPIUM.
THE Underigned is prepared to STORE Opium in a first-class Granite Godown on premises situated on Praya Godown.
CHARLES LIVINGSTON.
3, Stanley Street.
Hongkong, June 8, 1868.

TO LET.
THE Large Matched No. 3, at Pokfulam, containing five rooms with out-houses and Stables attached. Water laid.
For particulars, apply to H. FOSTONJEE SETNA, at Messrs. P. A. C. GANESSE & Co.'s Office.
Hongkong, June 2, 1868.

TO LET.
THE BUSINESS PREMISES, formerly occupied by Messrs. ARNOLD, KARR & Co., consisting of Dwelling House, Office, and spacious Godowns.
Possession to be had on the 1st March.
Apply to JOHN BURD & Co.
Hongkong, February 22, 1868.

TO LET.
FOUR Large ROOMS on Second Floor above the Office of the Underigned, 44, Queen's Road, at present occupied by Messrs. C. HOOK & Co. Possession can be taken on the 1st of January, 1868.
For Terms, etc., apply to G. DUBOST & Co.
Hongkong, November 6, 1867.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ALGEMEINE VERSICHERUNGS-GESELLSCHAFT FÜR SEE-FLUSS-UND LAND-TRANSPORT IN DRESDEN.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents of the above Insurance Company are prepared to grant Policies against Marine Risks.
WM. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, July 21, 1868. 21ag

NOTICE.
SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF!
HE Underigned being about to leave Hongkong, begs to notify that the whole of his valuable stock of WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELLERY, AND FANCY GOODS, by the best London and Continental makers, will be sold from this date at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.
O. HOCHSTETTER.
Hongkong, July 21, 1868. 19

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR MELBOURNE.
The "MELBOURNE" will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, July 21, 1868.

THE Underigned will sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 23rd July, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at his Sales Room, COMMERCIAL BANK BUILDINGS,—

An Invoice comprising— Ivory-handled Knives, Scissors, Pocket Corkscrews, Spring Balances, Brass Locks, Padlocks, Brass Candlesticks, Tea Bells, Gift Key Chains, Horn Handled Razors, &c., &c.

200 dozen Linen Handkerchiefs.
10 cases French Preserves.
10 cases Butter in 5 lb. tins.
100 dozen Sherry.
100 dozen Port.
50 cases Old Tom.
50 cases Claret.
72 cases Haut Sauterne.
100 dozen Blacking.
20 dozen Dixon Stone Polish, etc., etc.

An invoice of Hearth Rugs, Sofa Carpets, Reversible Rugs, Moltons, Winsey skirts, Crimean Shirts, etc., etc.

And, 4 Fire proof Iron Safes.
(For accounts of the concerned.)
50 cases Porter.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
Hongkong, July 21, 1868. July 23

GARDNER & Co., CALIFORNIA WINE DEPOT.

FOR SALE.
50 PIPES SHERRY, Vintage 1860.
10 pipes WHITE WINE " 1865.
5 pipes BRANDY, 15 years old.
100 cases WHITE WINE.
100 cases PORT.
25 cases ANGELICA.

These Wines are guaranteed to be perfectly pure and free from adulteration, and are carefully selected from the most popular brands of California Wines.
Also for Sale,
10 barrels No. 1 Eastern Salt BEEF.
2,600 OAT MEAL, in 100 lb. Bags.
50 cases No. 1 Bernard's Old Tom GIN, 12 years old.
Hongkong, July 15, 1868. 19

ROBSON & Co., PUBLIC AUCTIONEERS, SHIPPING AND GENERAL BROKERS, AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, ROSE, HIGO, JAPAN.

SAYLE & Co. VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

INVITE inspection of their New and well assorted Stock of Black and Blue Broad CLOTHS.

Naval and Military CLOTHS.
Light Mixt and Fancy TWEEDS.
Self and Fancy Colored FLANNELS.
Plain and Fancy DRILLS, DUCKS, &c.

Quilting and Marseilles VESTINGS.
The Tailoring Department under the management of first class English Cutters.
TIES and SCARVES in great variety.
The New Shapes in Gentlemen's COLLARS.

Long Cloth, Sil and Wool SHIRTS.
PAJAMAS.
Gauze, Merino and Silk UNDERVESTS.
HOSIERY of all kinds.

Gentlemen's Straw and Felt HATS in Various Shapes.
Household LINENS of every description.
A large Stock of French Printed MUSLINS of the Latest Patterns.
French Printed CAMBRICS.
Black GLACES, Plain and Fancy Silk GAUZES.
Grenadines and other New Fabrics Embroidered, Printed and Made-up SKIRTS.

CRINOLINES, MANIN EMBROIDERIES and LACE—of all descriptions.
Ladies' Trimmed HATS and BONNETS.
FLOWERS, FEATHERS, &c.
Ladies' and Children's UNDER-CLOTHING.
Ladies' Cotton and Lisle HOSIERY.
LISLE and Silk GLOVES, &c.
Lace and Muslin CURTAINS.
Hongkong, April 27, 1868.

LATEST SHIPPING.

CLEARER.
Peter Rickmers, for Macao.
Santa Ana, Manila.
Meteor, for Foochow.
Englebert, for Amoy.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
MILLS will close—
For SWATOW, AMOY, & SHAL—Per "DOUGLAS," at 11 A.M., on Wednesday next, the 22nd instant.

Memo. of Cargo, per British barge Sun-shine hence to Melbourne, sailed 20th June—
6 680 bags Rice.
20 boxes Tea.
208 packages Merchandise.

To Sydney—
110 packages Ginger.
60 boxes Tea.
76 rolls Matting.
552 packages Merchandise.

QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 21st July, 1868.
OPIUM.—Patna, New, ... \$681 1/2
Old, ...
Benares, New, ... 617 1/2
Malwa, ... 660
COTTON.—Bombay, ...
Calcutta, ...

Exchange.
Bank, 6 months' sight, ... 4/6
Credits, 6 ... 4/7
On Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs. 228
" Bombay, 3 days' sight, Rs. 227 1/2
" Shanghai, 3 days' sight Bank, Tls. 73 1/2
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., 104 nom.
Sycee, ... 9 nom.
Mexicans, ... par.
Gold Leaf, ... 23.15
Gold Bar, 98 touch, ... 22.70
English Sovereigns, ... 4.66
Australian Sovereigns, ... 4.64
Discount, ... 9 a 12
B. & W. pos dock, Old, 15 per cent pm.
Do. New, 7 per cent pm.
H. & S. Bank Shares, Old, 22 per cent pm.
Do. New, 4 a 4 1/2 p. c. pm.
Union Dock Shares, ... 18 p. c. dist. sales.

Temperature.
HONGKONG, 21st July, 1868. 3 P.M.
Barometer, ... 29.766 29.073
Attached Thermometer, 83 86
Dry Bulb, ... 82.5 84.0
Wet Bulb, ... 78.0 79.0
Maximum S. Rgr., ... 88.0
Minimum S. Rgr., ... 79.0
Max. Sun's Rays, ... 72.0
Minimum on Grass, ... 74.0
Previous Rain on Grass, 0.00
24 hours, ... above, 0.00
Wind, ... E. N.E.
Force, ... 1 2
Cloud, ... 4 9
Ozone, ... 4 3
Weather, ... Fine. Fine.

NOTICE.
DURING the temporary absence of the Underigned, the General Business of the Office will be conducted by Mr. N. B. DENNIS.
C. A. SAINT.
Hongkong, July 15, 1868.

No. IX. OF PAPERS ON CHINA is now ready, containing interesting extracts from the following papers:—
China Mail, N. C. Daily News, Supreme Court and Consular Gazette, N. C. Herald, Rangoon Gazette, Evening Express, Shanghai Recorder, and Straits Times.
Hongkong, July 17, 1868.

DEATH.
On the 21st July, at 7.30 A.M., Mr. CHARLES HURST, of Bridgewater, England, warden of Victoria Gaol, aged 34.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1868.

SUNSTROKES.

TIME and again has nearly every journal in China uttered its warnings to the public of Hongkong and the open ports against undue exposure to the rays of the summer sun. Although these warnings have not been altogether unheeded, but too many laugh at the predictions of the "croakers," as they call them, and pay the penalty of their lives for their refusal to listen to the dictates of common sense.

We are now fairly arrived at the hot season of the current year, and the next three months will most probably be peculiarly trying, an unusually sultry summer having been predicted by the natives. A young resident in the Colony well known from his position as Secretary of the Club, and a hearty supporter of most of the more popular amusements, boating, rifle shooting and the like, has fallen the first victim to the semi-mysterious disease of sunstroke, and it is to be hoped that his unfortunate death will lead others to take extra measures of precaution against a similar fate.

Old stages in China seldom expose themselves foolishly. The chief sinners are the younger members of the various communities, and especially naval and military officers. These latter seem to assert a practical exemption from the danger to which their civilian friends are exposed, and officers of both services, but particularly the Navy—their example unfortunately emulated by the men under their command—may constantly be seen perambulating the streets when the afternoon sun is at its hottest. It may be very true that cases of sudden sunstroke are of comparatively rare occurrence; but it has yet to be ascertained whether a large proportion of the sickness which annually invalids so many of our men from tropical or semi-tropical stations is not traceable to the effects of undue exposure to the rays of the sun. A few words of warning at the commencement of the season, in which cases of this nature usually occur, cannot at all events be misplaced, and we trust that those chiefly concerned will not altogether ignore them.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

EVERYONE, we suppose, is acquainted with the celebrated story of how the Chinese discovered Roast Pig. The burning of a countryman's house in which a favourite sucking porker had found a refuge—the desolation of the bereaved owner, whose wife and family had perished in the conflagration—his disconsolate search among the ruins—and finally the savory smell which greeted his nostrils, as turning up a stone he found beneath it the sucking pig "done to a turn"—all this, in one or another version, is old enough, and has given us as children many a hearty laugh; especially as the point of the story consisted in making the friend to whom he had confided his discovery burn down

his house in turn with a live sucking pig concealed in the principal room; and narrated the subsequent arson of dwelling houses with pigs in them for an indefinite number of centuries. A residence in China has unhappily dissipated the romance of roast pork, but there is nevertheless sufficient connection between that savory edible and the subject of our article to warrant the introduction of the tale in question; and puzzled as our readers may be at the assertion they will in a few moments admit the fact.

The appointment of Mr. May as Superintendent of the Colonial fire-brigade has recalled to our memory an interesting article on the subject of Chinese Fire-brigades which appeared in the January number of *Notes & Queries*; and for the benefit of those interested we purpose drawing attention to some of the details therein given. Strange to say, the article in question traces a most unmistakable connection between fires and roasted pig, and we doubt not, offers a satisfactory explanation of how the factious but absurd story above alluded to, took its rise. The native members of brigades at Canton are not paid fixed salaries, but receive each man a certain gratuity upon all occasions of rendering help, and,

In addition to the gratuities thus given the person whose house is properly looked after, on the day after the fire presents a roasted pig or its value in money to each brigade present on the occasion of the fire, as well as a piece of red cloth and some gilt paper to be hung over the engine as trophies. The money is not always distributed among the members, but it is sometimes put into the temple fund to defray the general expenses.

So that mention of a roast pig brings us most fairly to a consideration of the duties devolving upon fire brigades in China in general, and upon Mr. May's brigade in Hongkong in particular.

It would appear that despite the lack of organization which is thought to characterize the Chinese, the arrangements made for the efficiency of these native companies are most thorough and satisfactory. The first step towards the establishment of an engine and brigade is to convene a public meeting at which funds are subscribed, the sum raised being placed in the hands of one of the chief inhabitants of the ward. To obtain firemen, etc. lots are drawn by the different shops, those on whom the lot falls having to provide the necessary men. To each individual specific duties are allotted, after he has been asked what part he thinks himself qualified to fill. A code of rules is drawn up and exhibited on the walls of the engine house, and a coarse uniform is provided for the engine crews and assistants. The alarm of fire is generally given by striking a gong in one of the numerous bamboo look-out towers which abound in Canton, and the engine and brigade are generally on the spot within a few minutes of such notice. We must refer interested readers to the article itself for more particular details, but we copy the following staff-list of an average brigade:—

1 General Superintendent; 1 Foreman Superintending the dragging of the engine and the pumping; 1 Foreman Superintending the house-top work; 1 Foreman water carriage work; 1 Hoseman in chief; 1 Assistant ditto; 1 Plugman; 4 Hosemen; 2 Hookmen (also to carry water); 10 to drag and work the engine; 1 for opening valves; 1 Ladder carrier; 1 ditto (also to wash and look after the hose); 1 Shaftman (also to pump); 2 to push the engine and carry water; 1 for lantern service on house-tops; 10 ditto, ditto on street; 4 ditto, ditto, to give water drawers light; 1 to supply lights (additional) for lamps on roof; 1 ditto, ditto on street.

Now we in Hongkong have got over the preliminary steps of establishing an efficient brigade, and people are beginning to ask what arrangements are being made to thoroughly organize its details. We have long held the opinion that the police and soldiery should rather be employed in keeping room for the brigade and protecting adjoining houses, than in pumping and carrying water; and if their attention is confined to these departments a volunteer brigade is a necessity. The younger members of our community will doubtless dispense with a roast pig or cash as a reward for their exertions. But a uniform, and every possible adjunct, must be provided by the public or the government. We hope that before long something will be done to show that the newly appointed Superintendent is in earnest, and now that any question as to "who is to be head" is settled, we may fairly anticipate a hearty response on the part of the public if their gratuitous services are called for.

LOCAL.

In Saturday's *Gazette* appears a proclamation, to the effect that the ground lot known as Fletcher's building was resumed by Government at a "fair and impartial" valuation of \$3854.

Crown Lessees are reminded that "rent day" was on the 15th; and ratepayers are notified that the third quarter's rates and lighting rates are payable in advance during this month.

THE GREAT WORLD CIRQUE.

Last night's entertainment at the Circus was probably the best, most interesting and most varied of any we have had since the return of the troupe. Although the audience was not a large one, it was quite in a demonstrative and pleasant mood. Mr. Barry made his bow to a Hongkong audience, and was warmly and deservedly applauded; his backward summersault through a balloon was a very clever feat cleverly accomplished. Ducrow's single traverse was also a new feature; while Miss Genna pleased the audience immensely by her Scotch dancing. Some promiseous tumbling was a source of great merriment; and Zoyra was encored at the close of her great

balloon act. The pantomimic portion of the programme was well got through, and the fun was tolerable except that of the clown, who seems now to have degenerated into a talking advertisement. We note the company's rest for a day or two.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Yesterday afternoon, a Chang Aye was placed on his trial for child-stealing, with intention of selling the child as a slave; after satisfactory evidence had been given, he was convicted, and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment, with hard labor. The Court then adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

For Sale.

CAVITE CIGARS and CHE-BOOTS of best quality. Havana CIGARS in boxes of 50 and 100 each, from \$5 to \$30 per 100. Hamburg and Bremen CIGARS in great variety. 15 different kinds of Russian CIGARETTES. Fresh Birds-eye, Shag, Latakia, Turkey and Havana TOBACCO and Smoking Mixture, Honey-dew, Goldbar, Harri's fine Cut, Killikink, &c. For Sale by **BIELFELD and ZACHARIAE.** Hongkong, June 27, 1868.

FOR SALE. *En "ESTAFETTE" and other Arrivals.* GENUINE A.V.G. GIN in red cases, 15 cases. Genuine A.V.G. GIN, in white bottles. Palm-tree Brand GIN, in 15 squares. Dutch CURACOA, in stone bottles. At LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

Dock.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

THE Company respectfully beg to call the attention of Ship Owners, Consignees and Masters of Vessels to their establishments at Whampoa and Hongkong, which offer every facility for the docking and repairs of Vessels of all classes. Their Docks at Whampoa are in good working order and are pumped out by Steam, and the workshops comprise the different departments of Shipwright, Blacksmith, Boilermaker, and Machine works. Materials supplied of the best kind and on the most reasonable terms. A jetty with a pair of powerful lifting shears, alongside of which masts and boilers can be taken out of Vessels.

Their Hongkong establishment comprises also the different departments of Shipwright, Blacksmith, Boilermaker, and Machine works and possesses a pair of lifting shears. Their Granite Dock at Kowloon most advantageously situated, solidly built, and of full dimensions to admit the docking of any Vessel coming to this harbour, will be completed in a very short time.

The Steam Tug, "LITTLE ORPHEAN" is always in readiness to tow Vessels to Dock free of charge, and to sea, or new berth, at reduced rates.

All works carried on under the superintendence of experienced European foremen. For particulars, apply at the office of the Company, Queen's Road.

JOHN INGLIS, Acting Secretary. *N.B.—Consignees or Masters of Vessels having cause to complain of the work done at the Docks or at Hongkong, will please address their complaints to the Office of the Company, which will receive the immediate attention of the Directors.* Hongkong, July 14, 1868.

Insurance.

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

(Established 1st January, 1863.) CAPITAL, Tls. 1,500,000, IN 1,500 SHARES, FOR Tls. 1,000 EACH. Paid up Capital, Tls. 300,000, or Tls. 200 per Share.

Provisional Committee. W. J. BEXANS, Esq., Chairman. (Messrs TURNER & Co.) F. H. BELL, Esq. (Messrs W. R. ADAMSON & Co.) A. MICHELS, Esq. (Messrs CHAPMAN, KING & Co.) E. H. LAYERS, Esq. (Messrs GILMAN & Co.) F. COOPER, Esq. (Messrs GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.) Directors of the Company, 1868-69.

A General Meeting held on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 1868, the following Resolutions were passed, relative to the continuance of the Company for a further period of three years from the 1st January, 1869; and Notice is hereby given that applications for Shares in the aforesaid Company will be received at the Office of the Company until 31st October, 1868.

Applications for Shares from Persons not resident in Shanghai, must be accompanied by a Power of Attorney to their Agents to sign the Deed of Settlement on their behalf and generally to represent them in all matters connected with the Company.

In accordance with the Resolution passed at the meeting of 18th November, 1867, a separate Office of the Company will be opened in London, on 1st January, 1869. By order of the Court of Directors, **JOHN S. MACKINTOSH,** Secretary. Shanghai, May 15, 1868.

Form of Application for Shares.

No. To the Provisional Committee of the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

GENTLEMEN, I hereby request that you will allot to Shares in the above Company, and agree to accept such Shares, or any less number you may allot to; and agree to pay the first call of Tls. 200 per Share, and all subsequent calls, and to subscribe to the Deed of Settlement whenever required to do so.

Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant.

Resolutions referred to above.

RES. I.—That a Company to be called the "North-China Insurance Company" shall be formed for a further period of three years, from 1st January, 1869 to 31st Dec, 1871.

RES. II.—That the Directors for the time being of the present Company be appointed to act as a Provisional Committee to organize the new Company.

RES. III.—That this meeting recommends that the Provisional Committee should adopt as the basis of the new Company that the capital should be 1,500,000 in 1,500 Shares of Tls. 1,000 each; Paid up Capital, Tls. 300,000 or Tls. 200 per Share; and that the Committee be authorized to issue a prospectus inviting applications for Shares and to proceed with the allotment.

Insurance.

NOTICE.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY. FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the Annual Rate. Above one month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 " " " Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 " " " Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

TURNER & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000, IN 2,000 SHARES OF \$1,000 EACH. \$100 per Share to be paid on Allotment, and \$100 six months after Allotment.

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the following Resolutions passed at a Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company held on the 8th instant, applications for Shares in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, will be received by the General Managers, the form of application to be as follows:— To the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, GENTLEMEN,—

I request you to allot me Shares of One Thousand Dollars each in the above named Company, and I agree to accept such Shares, or any less number which may be allotted to me, and to pay a Call of One Hundred Dollars per Share on allotment, and a further Call of One Hundred Dollars per Share, six months after allotment, and I further undertake to subscribe to the Deed of Settlement when called on to do so. I remain, Gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant,

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

No. 1. That the General Managers and Consulting Committee are hereby authorized to adopt measures for the reconstruction of the Company as the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, on the basis proposed in the Memorandum of the 2nd April presented to this Meeting.

No. 2. That the General Managers and Consulting Committee are hereby requested to receive applications for Shares in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, and on the receipt of such applications to the extent of One Thousand Shares to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company for the purpose of authorizing its dissolution and the transfer of its assets and liabilities to the new Company.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., General Managers Hongkong Fire Insurance Company. *N.B.—Forms of application for Shares may be had at the Office of the Company, Queen's Road.* Hongkong, April 9, 1868.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the Annual Rate. Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/2 " " " Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " " Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the Annual Rate. Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/2 " " " Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " " Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

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Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the Annual Rate. Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/2 " " " Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " " Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the Annual Rate. Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/2 " " " Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " " Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Insurance.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE following Rates will in future be charged for Short Period Insurances:— One month, 1/4 per cent. Three months, 1/2 " " " Six months, 3/4 " " " Twelve months, 1 " " " **HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.** Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL—Two Millions STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein. **MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.** Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY. THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/4 of the annual rate. Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do. Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do. Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM. Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1/4 per cent. per annum.

Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/4 per cent. per annum.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged in Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the annual rate. Above one month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 " " " Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 " " " Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament. ESTABLISHED 1809. CAPITAL £2,000,000.

ACCUMULATED FUNDS £2,233,927.

ANNUAL REVENUE £407,263.

THE Undersigned AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same. **GILMAN & Co.** Hongkong, June 21, 1864.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION STERLING.

THE DIRECTORS have the pleasure to announce the appointment of Messrs Holliday, Wise & Co. as agents for the Company at Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, and Fushien, who are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates and of whom all useful information may be obtained. By Order of the Board, **JAS. B. NORTHCOTT, Secretary.**

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LONDON. Incorporated 1869. CAPITAL £1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies at current rates. **AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.** Hongkong, June 6, 1867.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine Risks at current rates. **AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.** Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein. **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.** Hongkong, August 24, 1864.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE. FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/4 of the annual rate. Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do. Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do. Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE. FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/4 of the annual rate. Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do. Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do. Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Insurance.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM. UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurances, viz:—

Detached and Semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1/4 per cent. Other Dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/4 per cent. Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c. and their Contents, 1 per cent. **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.** Imperial Fire Insurance Company. Hongkong, March 6, 1865.

BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY AND FORBES & CO.'S CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies are prepared to accept Risks on the usual terms. **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.** Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

AT the request of the Undersigned,

Messrs GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., have taken temporary charge of the following Insurance Companies:— Phoenix Assurance Company. Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company. London and Provincial Marine Insurance Company. Universal Marine Insurance Company Limited.

SMITH, KENNEDY & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, July 2, 1867.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

(LIFE DEPARTMENT.)

£2 per cent. per Annum Bonus declared during the last Fifteen Years on all Profit participating Policies of Two Years standing.

The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assureds.

An Assurance for any sum not exceeding £1000 can be effected with the Undersigned without referring to Head-quarters. By special authority of the Board, Claims are settled at once by the Undersigned without reference to Head-quarters.

Fee to Medical Officers paid by the Company. No forfeiture of Policy from unintentional mis-statement. Premiums payable Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured.

Annual Premiums for an Assurance of £100 for the whole term of Life, including £100 per cent. for Foreign Risk, which will be deducted during a risk to or a permanent resident in Europe.

AGE.

WITHOUT PARTICIPATION.

WITH PARTICIPATION.

15. £3 19 8 \$4 5 6

20. 4 3 8 4 9 4

25. 4 8 9 4 14 2

30. 4 13 11 4 19 9

35. 5 0 0 5 6 2

40. 5 8 0 5 14 1

45. 5 17 11 6 4 6

50. 6 11 7 6 18 3

55. 7 11 1 8 0 4

60. 8 16 0 9 8 7

N.B.—Intermediate ages charged proportionally.

For Forms, for effecting Life Assurances, and for any further information, apply to. **ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.** Hongkong, September 3, 1864.

LIFE ASSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have received Authority by a recent Mail to issue Life Policies for amounts not exceeding £1000 without reference to the Head Office, as was previously required by the Board. **ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.** Royal Insurance Company. Hongkong, January 6, 1865.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding One Month, 1/4 per cent. Above One Month and not exceeding Three Months, 1/2 per cent. Above Three Months and not exceeding Six Months, 3/4 per cent.

Above Six Months, the full Annual Rate.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION

IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR FIRE INSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have (as already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last) received authority from the Secretary of the ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY to reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on FURNITURE and EFFECTS, therein contained.

In cases of Dwelling-Houses removed from the Town, the rate of Premium will be Three-quarters per cent. in place of One per cent. per Annum as hitherto charged; and in cases of Residences, so situated, being detached or semi-detached, the rate will be further reduced to One-half per cent.

The Royal's Annual Rates for FIRE INSURANCE on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will therefore remain as follows, until further notice, viz:— Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1/4 per cent. Other Dwelling-Houses (similarly situated) and their Contents, 1/4 per cent. First Class China House and their Contents, 1 1/2 per cent. Other Risks at a special arrangement.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents. Imperial Fire Insurance Company. Hongkong, November 9, 1865.

Insurance.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorized to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz:—

On any one first-class Building, or on Goods stored therein—in Hongkong, \$50,000; in Macao \$45,000.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents. Royal Insur. Company of Liverpool. Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

THE UNIVERSAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF CALCUTTA.

ESTABLISHED 1834.

Subscribed Capital, £250,000.

Accumulated Funds exceed £250,000.

THE Undersigned are empowered to accept LIFE ASSURANCES in the above Society. Full particulars given on application.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.

Hongkong, February 21, 1868.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above INSURANCE OFFICE, are prepared to accept Marine Risks, and issue Policies on any first class Sailing Vessels or Steamers, on the usual terms, payable in case of loss, in CHINA, SINGAPORE, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, or LONDON. **ROB. S. WALKER & Co.** Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

DIVIDEND OF (8 per cent.) Eight

per cent has been declared on the Net Premium contributed to the above Association for the year ending 30th September, 1866. Policy HOLDERS will please send in particulars their contribution to that date to the Undersigned.

RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

Hongkong, September 7, 1867.

YANG-TZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Secretaries and Agents of this Association, are prepared to issue Policies upon Marine Risks at current rates of premium. Policies can be made payable in London, New York, Bombay, Calcutta, Singapore, Hongkong, Foochow and Shanghai.

In addition to the usual brokerage this Association returns to the assured of each year, at the close of each current year, fifteen (15) per cent of the profits of the Company for that year divided pro rata to the amount of premium paid by each policy-holder.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 2, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above

Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on BUILDINGS and GOODS, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 6, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents in China for the above INSURANCE COMPANY are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks, at the current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, July 6, 1866.

BATAVIA SEA & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents in Hongkong for the above named COMPANY are prepared to grant Policies against SEA RISKS, at current rates. **RUSSELL & Co.** Hongkong, April 1, 1866.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

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Miscellaneous.

THE
CHINESE COMMERCIAL
GUIDE.

By S. WELLS WILLIAMS, L.L.D.

Published at the "CHINA MAIL" Office,
Hongkong.638 PP. DEMY 8VO. WITH APPENDIX.
FIFTH EDITION, 1863.
Price, \$5
Original Publishing Price, Ten Dollars.The following is an Abstract of the Con-
tents of this Book:—

- CHAP. I.—SEC. 1 TO 4.
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Chinese Text of the same.
2.—Treaty with the United States.
3.—Treaty with France.
4.—Treaty with Russia.
Supplementary Treaty with Russia.

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2.—Tariff on Articles of Export.
3.—Rules respecting Trade and Duas,
Chinese Text of the same.
4.—Description of Articles of Import.
5.—Description of Articles of Export.

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3.—Port of Ningpo in Hainan.
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5.—Port of Foochow.
6.—Ports of Taiwan and Taiwan in For-
mosa.

- 7.—Port of Ningpo.
8.—Port of Shanghai.
9.—Ports on the Yangtze and Trade in
the Interior.

- 10.—Port of Tangshan or Chefoo.
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Japan.
3.—Ports open to Foreign Commerce.
Nagasaki.

Shipping in Harbour.

HONGKONG.

Consignees of Vessels will greatly oblige by forwarding corrections of
errors in the following list.

Exclusive of To-day's Arrivals, Departures, and Clearances.

C, on Pedder's Wharf.—W.O., from Pedder's Wharf to Gibb's Wharf.—W., Westward of Gibb's Wharf.—E.C., on Pedder's Wharf
to the Military Hospital.—E., Eastward of the Hospital.—K., on Kowloon side.

Vessel's Name and Where Anchored.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
1868.							
STEAMERS.							
Chun Alpine	E Hutchison	Brit. str.	1449	June	5 Jardine, Matheson & Co	Bombay, &c.	24th, 9 a.m.
Columbian	W Ourling	Brit. str.	1487	July	14 P. & O. S. N. Co	Bombay, &c.	24th, 9 a.m.
Douglas	W Ourling	Brit. str.	815	July	17 P. & O. S. N. Co (Chartered)	Swatow, &c.	
Formosa	W Ourling	Brit. str.	700	July	5 P. & O. S. N. Co	Swatow, &c.	
Hoochy	W Ourling	Foh. str.	1767	June	25 Messageries Impériales	Haiphong, &c.	23rd, 2 p.m.
Kan Ka Kee	K Yeaton	Amer. str.	818	June	A. Heard & Co		
Shun Chi	W	Chi. str.		July	10		
Yung-hai-an	W Ourling	Amer. str.	1447	July	5 Russell & Co		
SAILING VESSELS.							
A. W. Stevens	E Ingraham	Amer. bk.	526	July	12 Order		
Alert	W Abbott	Brit. soh.	135	July	14 John Burd & Co	Touron	
Annetta	W Flaherty	Brit. bk.	386	June	22 Carlowitz & Co		
Avonvale	W Ogilvie	Brit. bk.	308	July	12 Borneo Company		
Berwickshire	W Rowin	Brit. sh.	1111	July	7 Gilman & Co		
Candelaria	W Lara	Span. bk.	407	June	7 Remedios & Co	Melbourne and Sydney	
Cap-sing-moon	E O Waterson	Brit. bk.	466	June	30 Olyphant & Co		
Chow Sze	W Harrow	Siam. sh.	468	June	22 Chinese		
Cintra	K Favacho	Port. bk.	352	May	5 Rosario & Co		
Canton	W Harrow	Siam. sh.	468	June	22 Chinese		

VESSELS LOADING.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	Flag & Reg.	Consignees.	Intended Despatch.
CHINA & JAPAN PORTS.				
FOOCHOW	Eliza Blanche	Br. bg.	Birley & Co	
Do.	Lodore	Br. sh.	Birley & Co	
SHANGHAI	Suwonada	Am. str.	A. Heard & Co	
Do.	China	N.G. str.	Siemssen & Co	
TIENTSIN	J. & Joseph	Fr. bg.	Thomas Howard	
OTHER PORTS.				
BANGKOK	Hera	Br. sr.	Order	
BOMBAY, &c.—Eng. Mails	Columbian	Br. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co	24th
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LONDON	N. Brysson	Br. bk.	Olyphant & Co	
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Do.	Fusiyama	Br. bk.	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
MANILA	Isle of Wight	Br. sh.	Borneo Company	
MELBOURNE & SYDNEY	Wm. Fruling	Br. sh.	Rosario & Co	
Do.	Capaingmoon	Br. bk.	Olyphant & Co	
SAIGON	O. & Antonis	N.G. sh.	P. & O. Co	
SAN FRANCISCO	Pekin	Am. bk.	Olyphant & Co	
Do.	Windward	Am. sh.	Olyphant & Co	
Do.	R. S. Ely	Am. sh.	Bosman & Co	
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† At Canton.

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Name.	Flag.	Reg.	Int.	Captain.
Algerine	British	gun-boat	3	W.H.O. K. Donville, Lieut.
Bombay	British	gun-boat	3	230 Harding, Lieut.
Cookchafer	British	gun-boat	—	230 Kerr,
Drake	British	gun-boat	3	C. Crowdy, Lieut.
Flamer	British	naval hospital	—	Attached to Melville
Melville	British	naval hospital	—	R. Bernard, D.M.I.G. &c.
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Vessel's Name and Where Anchored.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
STEAMERS.							
1868.							
Clan Alpine	E. Hutchison	Brit. str.	949	June 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Bombay, &c.	24th, 9 a.m.
Columbian	W.C. Corling	Brit. str.	1482	July 14	P. & O. S. N. Co	Swatow, &c.	
Douglas	W.C. Pitman	Brit. str.	615	July 17	P. & O. S. N. Co (Chartered)		
Europa	W.C. Bockin	Brit. str.	700	July 25	P. & O. S. N. Co		
Hooghly	W.C. Bockin	Foh. str.	1767	June 28	Messageries Impériales	Saigon, Suez, &c.	23rd, 2 p.m.
Kan Ka Kee	K. Yeaton	Amer. str.	313	June 19	A. Heard & Co		
Shun Chit	W. Morrison	Chi. str.	1447	July 3	Russell & Co		
Yung-hai-an	W.C. Morrison	Amer. str.	1447	July 3	Russell & Co		
SAILING VESSELS.							
A. W. Stevens	E. Ingraham	Amer. bk.	526	July 12	Order		
Alert	W. Abbott	Brit. sch.	135	July 14	John Burd & Co		
Annetta	W. Flaherty	Brit. bk.	386	June 22	Carlowitz & Co		
Avonvale	W. Ogilvie	Brit. bk.	308	July 12	Borneo Company		
Berwickshire	W. Rowin	Brit. sh.	1111	July 7	Gilman & Co		
Candelaria	W. Lara	Span. bk.	407	June 7	Remedios & Co		
Cap-sing-moon	W. Watson	Brit. bk.	468	June 30	Olyphant & Co		
Chow Sze	W. Huron	Brit. sh.	468	June 22	Chinese		
Chinta	K. Faveho	Port. bk.	362	May 3	Bonario & Co		
Conqueror	W. Minchaw	Siam. sh.	870	July 2	Chinese		
Cruiser	W. Bonmann	Siam. bk.	465	June 18	Chinese		
Cyclone	W. King	Amer. sh.	896	July 2	Order		
Dart	W.C. Robert	Brit. sch.	75	July 20	A. Heard & Co		
Daylight	W. Smith	Siam. bk.	360	May 12	Chinese		
Dolores Ugarte	K. Saul	Sal. sh.	800	June 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Eliza Blanche	W. Weston	Brit. bk.	170	July 4	Birley & Co		
Englehart	K. Ballher	N. Ger. sch.	184	July 9	Bourjan, Hubener & Co		
Eperanza	K. Onate	Span. sh.	1010	June 16	Reynvaan Brothers & Co		
Fanny Nicholson	B. Carphim	Brit. bk.	285	July 16	John Burd & Co		
Formosa	K. Paulsen	N. Ger. bk.	210	July 8	Bourjan, Hubener & Co		
Frederick Wilhelm	K. Moller	N. Ger. bk.	198	July 16	R. S. Walker & Co		
Geologist	W.C. Clarke	Brit. sh.	853	July 6	Order		
Gravina	W. Camejo	Span. bk.	246	July 12	Remedios & Co		
Henry Darling	W. Wibel	Brit. bk.	412	June 16	Chinese		
Hera	W. Buchholdt	Brit. sch.	670	July 6	Order		
Isle of Wight	W. Hapeth	Brit. sh.	1253	June 14	Borneo Company		
Johanne Marie	E. Schutt	Dan. bk.	193	July 7	Bourjan, Hubener & Co		
John & Mary	W. Geary	Brit. bk.	190	July 9	Douglas Lapraik & Co		
Josephine Amalie	W.C. Lagarde	Foh. sch.	145	July 17	P. & P. Derode & Co		
Kron Pensen	W. Bothen	Swed. sh.	719	July 6	A. Newton		
Lodore	W. Howat	Brit. sh.	889	July 5	Birley & Co		
Leon Leonie	W. Monast	Foh. bk.	260	June 12	Reynvaan Brothers & Co		
Maria Malton	W. Fecher	Foh. bk.	401	July 12	Reynvaan Brothers & Co		
Meteor	W. Verney	Brit. bk.	279	July 3	Russell & Co		
Milton	W. Smith	Brit. sh.	1233	July 3	P. & O. S. N. Co		
Mindoro	W. Allen	Amer. sh.	996	June 14	A. Heard & Co		
Mystic Belle	W. Burnham	Amer. sh.	754	July 5	Russell & Co		
Nellie Hastings	K. Hall	Amer. sch.	466	July 18	Olyphant & Co		
Niagara	K. Merio	Foh. bk.	736	June 23	Chinese		
Nuevo Constante	W. Cattie	Span. bk.	203	July 21	Remedios & Co		
Nuanu	K. Bager	Hawa. sch.	150	July 2	Melchers & Co		
Otto & Antonio	E. Simonsen	N. Ger. sh.	1337	June 18	P. & O. S. N. Co		
Pekin	W. Seymour	Amer. bk.	595	July 20	Olyphant & Co		
Peter Rickmers	W. Meyer	N. Ger. bk.	700	June 15	Melchers & Co		
Princes Serafin	W. Kofed	Siam. bk.	464	June 16	Chinese		
Resolution	W. Garner	Siam. sh.	886	June 23	Chinese		
Richard S. Ely	W. Lombard	Amer. sh.	1200	June 18	Bornman & Co		
Robert Rickmers	K. Ebert	N. Ger. bk.	422	July 17	Melchers & Co		
Roska	K. Fethelsen	N. Ger. bk.	186	July 16	E. Schollhaas & Co		
Samuel Russell	E.C. Lucas	Amer. sh.	760	July 18	Smith, Archer & Co		
San Lorenzo	W.C. Ledema	Span. bk.	220	July 3	Remedios & Co		
Santa Anna	W. Gavito	Span. bk.	402	June 14	Remedios & Co		
Sefard	W. Hausen	Siam. bk.	311	June 18	Chinese		
Shooting Star	W. Miles	Siam. sh.	618	July 20	Chinese		
Sophia	W. Hinson	Siam. bk.	304	July 19	Chinese		
Taywat	W. Meyer	Siam. bk.	654	July 2	Chinese		
Tylong	W. Wieso	Siam. bk.	472	July 7	Chinese		
Walter	W. Witherspoon	Siam. bk.	237	June 18	Chinese		
Water Lily	E. Wickman	Brit. sch.	140	May 20	Chinese		
Waverley	W.C. Forsyth	Brit. bk.	215	June 6	Gibb, Livingston & Co		
William Fring	K. Chevalier	Brit. sh.	784	June 17	Rozario & Co		
Windward	W.C. Barrett	Amer. sh.	784	June 20	Olyphant & Co		
Witch of the Wave	W. Bachelder	Amer. sh.	1020	July 4	Caplain		

WHAMPOA.

Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
Amadine	Farrow	Brit. bk.	547	July 11	Moul & Co	Buenos Ayres	Early
Caroline	Bogen	N. Ger. bk.	393	July 6	Western & Enloe	Falmouth	
China	Moller	N. Ger. str.	648	July 17	Siemens & Co	Shanghai	
Dunmail	Thompson	Brit. str.	772	July 24	Thomas & Mercer	London	Immediate
Edith Haviland	Carpenier	Brit. bk.	264	July 9	Gibb, Livingston & Co	Liverpool	
Fusiyama	Borip	Brit. bk.	666	July 18	Gibb, Livingston & Co	Liverpool	
Japan	Kefenstein	N. Ger. sch.	300	July 16	Siemens & Co	Tientsin	Immediate
Joanna & Joseph	Joseph	Brit. sch.	155	July 7	Thomas Howard	Hamburg	Discharging
Joseph Hambro	Moller	Dan. bk.	620	July 20	Borneo Company	London	Early
Mary Louisa Antoinette	Mysson	Brit. bk.	390	June 14	Olyphant & Co		Immediate
Nancy Brysson	Thorne	Brit. bk.	715	June 14	Turner & Co		Immediate
Neville	O'Sullivan	Brit. bk.	261	July 14	Melchers & Co		Immediate
Ocean Bride	Milton	Brit. bk.	268	July 14	Siemens & Co		
President Harbitt	Oho	Brit. bk.	363	July 10	Gifford & Co		
Parajero	King	Brit. bk.	1802	July 16	A. Heard & Co	Buenos Ayres	
Siwonada	Jayne	Amer. str.	1802	July 16	A. Heard & Co	Shanghai	

VESSELS LOADING.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Consignees.	Intended Despatch.
CHINA & JAPAN PORTS.				
FOOCHOW	Eliza Blanche	Br. bk.	Birley & Co	
Do.	Lodore	Br. sh.	Birley & Co	
SHANGHAI	Siwonada	Am. str.	A. Heard & Co	
Do.	China	N. G. str.	Siemens & Co	
TIENTSIN	J. & Joseph	Fr. bk.	Thomas Howard	
OTHER PORTS.				
BANGKOK	Hera	Br. str.	Order	
BOMBAY, &c.—Eng. Mail	Columbian	Br. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co	24th
BUENOS AYRES	Amadine	Br. bk.	Moul & Co	
Do.	Parajero	Br. bk.	Gifford & Co	
FALMOUTH	Caroline	N. G. bk.	Western & Enloe	
HAMBURG	P. Rickman	Ger. bk.	Melchers & Co	
Do.	M. L. Ant.	Dan. bk.	Order	
LIVERPOOL	E. Haviland	Br. bk.	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
Do.	N. Brysson	Br. bk.	Olyphant & Co	
LONDON	Dunmail	Br. sh.	Thomas & Mercer	
Do.	Fusiyama	Br. sh.	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
MANILA	Isle of Wight	Br. bk.	Borneo Company	
MELBOURNE & SYDNEY	Wm. Fring	Br. sh.	Rozario & Co	
Do.	Do.	Br. bk.	Olyphant & Co	
SAIGON	O. & Antonio	N. G. sh.	P. & O. Co	
SAN FRANCISCO	Pekin	Am. bk.	Olyphant & Co	
Do.	Windward	Am. sh.	Olyphant & Co	
Do.	R. S. Ely	Am. sh.	Bornman & Co	
SUEZ, &c.—Foh. Mail	Hooghly	Fr. str.	Messageries Impériales	23rd

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